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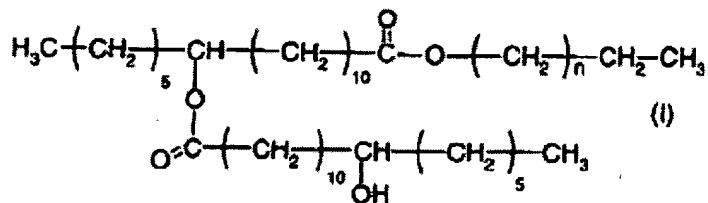
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DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on 1/3/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicants did not elect single disclosed species. Applicants elected the species of C20-C40 alkyl (hydroxystearyl) stearate (tackifying wax). This is not single disclosed species. Page 6 of the specification describes this compound as having formula I. See below for structure.

a C₂₀-C₄₀ alkyl 12-(12'-hydroxystearyl)stearate, of
formula (I)



in which n is an integer ranging from 18 to 38, or a mixture of compounds of formula (I).

Applicants did not specify single compound. What is the value of n?

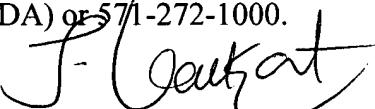
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JYOTHSNA A. VENKAT Ph. D whose telephone number is 571-272-0607. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30-7:30:1st Friday off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL WOODWARD can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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